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SUBJECT: NEW KUWAITI FOOD LAW

1. SEVERAL U.S. FIRMS AND THEIR KUWAITI AGENTS CONCERNED OVER NEW KUWAIT FOOD LAW WHICH INCLUDES LABELING REQUIREMENTS. LAW REQUIRES DATE OF PRODUCTION AND EXPIRATION BUT IS SPECIFIC ON LITTLE ELSE. ONE U.S. EXPORTER HAS REASON TO FEEL THAT LAW REQUIRES ALL LABELING IN ARABIC AND ENGLISH BUT LOCAL AGENTS FEEL THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRED.

2. EMBASSY PLANS CALL ON MINISTRY TO GET DETAILS. WE UNDERSTAND SAUDI ARABIA PASSED SIMILAR LAW RECENTLY AND EMBASSY THERE FACED LIKE PROBLEMS. WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILS ON SAUDI LAW, ITS EFFECTS ON U.S. FOOD EXPORTS AND ANY ACTION TAKEN BY EMBASSY ON BEHALF OF U.S. EXPORTERS.
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